Stoppage of trains

1311. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARATAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow a stoppage at Dhamangaon railway station for three trains—for the passengers from three districts of Maharashtra who can board Howrah-Kurla Janeswari Express, Howrah-Azad Hind Express and Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express from Dhamangaon railway station; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Stoppage of 2101/2102 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Howrah Jnaneswari Express (4 days in a week), 2129/ 2130 Pune-Howrah Azad Hind Express and 2655/2656 Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express at Dhamangaon has not been found commercially justified.

Male passengers boarding in female compartments

1312. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to prevent male passengers from boarding female compartments forcibly and occupying seats meant for female passengers; and

(b) if no action has, so far, been taken, by when Government propose to take action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) To effectively supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways, the Railway • Protection Force (RPF) staff are being deployed to excort many trains and also on access control duties in the passenger area. RPF has also been empowered to deal with the minor offences affecting the train operations such as alarm chaim pulling, roof travel, touting, ticketless travel, unauthorized entry into coaches earmarked for ladies etc. (except